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1. SPOKESMAN (TRATTNER) VOLUNTEERED STATEMENT ON ANNOUNCEMENT OCTOBER 20 BY VIET-NAM NEWS AGENCY CONCERNING REPATRIATION OF AMERICANS AND OTHER FOREIGNERS IN VIET-NAM: "WE HAVE SEEN THE BROADCAST REPORT FROM HANOI, WHICH HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE U.N. HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES. WE CERTAINLY WELCOME THIS ANNOUNCEMENT AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE EARLY REPATRIATION OF ALL AMERICANS WHO WISH TO LEAVE VIET-NAM. WE KNOW THAT THEIR FAMILIES WILL EAGERLY ANTICIPATE BEING REUNITED WITH THEIR LOVED ONES. WE ARE READY TO HELP IN RECEIVING THESE PEOPLE, AND WE WILL WORK CLOSELY ON IT WITH THE U.N. HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES."

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, FOLLOWING REPLIES WERE GIVEN:

ANNOUNCEMENT BY TURKISH GOVERNMENT THAT IT IS WILLING TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS ON STATUS OF U.S. BASES -- WE CAN CONFIRM
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THAT THE U.S. AND TURKEY WILL RESUME NEGOTIATIONS ON BI-

LATERAL DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS NEXT WEEK IN ANKARA. PRECISE DATE AND TIME NOT YET SET. WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN DECISION TO SUPPORT DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM IN ALL ITS ASPECTS FOR PURPOSE OF REACHING A POLITICAL SOLUTION IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. WE SHARE DESIRE TO SEE NEGOTIATIONS ON CYPRUS RESUME AT EARLY DATE. OUR POSITION HAS BEEN STATED OFTEN THAT ONLY THROUGH DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PARTIES THEMSELVES CAN A FINAL POLITICAL SOLUTION BE REACHED. WE ARE OF COURSE DOING ALL WE CAN TO ENCOURAGE THIS PROCESS.

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